

JOHN ALEXANDER,
Marlinton, W. Va.

Bears - Wanted

Jacksons Mill, Weston, W. Va.,
March 12, 1927

Mr. Andrew Price.

Marlinton, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Price:

We are very anxious to have a pair of cub bears at the State Four-H Camp at Jacksons Mills this summer. If you can in any way direct me to where we can get some, or get some for us we will greatly appreciate it. We want them small, but with their eyes open, good healthy cubs, and from such a point that we can get them to Camp in good shape. We are willing to pay something for them but want to avoid any exorbitant price.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Kendrick, Assistant
Director, In Charge Four-H Clubs.

Real-estate Bargains

Tide

IA: JANUARY 27th 1927

CHURCH NOTES

IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:45

Teaching by Dr.

You

FELLOW HOME

Elkins, W. Va.
January 12, 1927,

Dear Friends:
I thank you for your kindness of
a Christmas gift on
me. I was very pleased
to learn who it was
you have been won-
der I got it or not, so I
would drop you a letter of

I am a man of twenty-one,
and join the Lodge that
is a member of. Then I
the pleasure of saying I
the same Lodge that my
I will hope then as the
in that I will have the
helping other unfortu-
and girls whose fathers
have died, as a member
No. 313. I hope to
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gifts from this Lodge,
my brain working on
it.

While I am doing my
not very hard, I usu-
my father did not be-
Fellows Lodge just
be now. I just think
the children here would
for this great order of

I am glad that the
are raising an endow-
I hope it will be do
the Lodge of 313. This
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out the tax on Odd

BEARS BY WHOLESALE

L. A. Galford, of Durbin, sends in
the following letter about the killing
of the seven bears near Durbin dur-
ing the months of November and
December, 1926:

Editor Times.

Last fall about the first of Novem-
ber, Hayes Hamrick, of Webster
Springs, came to the mountains
round about Durbin and built five
bear pens. These pens were baited
with beef.

The first bear caught was a small
one. It went in on the side of the
pen, and the lid fell on it and killed
it. However, the pen was visited
the next day, and the meat was not
spoiled.

The next bear caught was a male
bear. It weighed 223 pounds dress-
ed, and was very fat.

The third bear we caught was a
female that dressed 204 pounds. It
was the fattest bear I have ever seen.

Then about that time Kemp Meeks
came to my place from his home at
Stony Bottom. He had a bad case
of bear fever. I saw that nothing
but a bear hunt would cure him. So
Hayes and Kemp and I went up to
May to camp and hunt.

There were a party of hunters at
May, who had been hunting bear for
thirty days but had gotten none.
They were going home the day we
started to hunt. They laughingly
said if you kill one before the train
comes, bring it in and we will buy it
from you. We did kill one before

into the hills fully, and you will get in before the hunters left.

Starting on the hunt we traveled north from May about three miles along the east face of Shafer Mountain. We tracked eight bear that had come out to feed and then gone back in the jungles. About noon we came on the tracks of a bear that had got up fresh and was headed for the East side. We followed. On top of the mountain the bear came on to our sign made earlier in the day, and he turned back and went in a laurel thicket.

I told Hayes and Kemp to take stands and I would route him out. I followed him. He went into the worst part of the thicket he could find and laid down. In going in I had to crawl. I heard him get up, and I tore through the laurel as fast as I could go and I was soon out of the worst part. Just then I heard the keen report of Meeks' and Hambrick's rifles. Kemp fired three shots and Hayes two. Then I heard a warwhoop that would have made

close. When I arrived a war dance was had around the bear, which was dead before we got to him. Hayes hit him with both shots. Kemp scored two hits out of three. We realized we were a long ways from camp and supper. We started with the bear. About half way to camp we stopped and dressed the bear and hung him up until the next morning.

It was after dark when we got into camp, tired but happy. Next morning we carried the bear into May, and Kemp took the afternoon train for Stony Bottom, taking the bear with him. This bear weighed 210 pounds dressed.

The next bear we caught was a male bear and an old one. We shipped him to Clarksburg. I have not heard how much he weighed. He had both ears slit open and a scar across his nose. He was gray around the mouth, showing him to be old.

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The next bears caught were an old mother bear and her cub in the same pen. The old bear was alive but the cub was dead, caught by the neck.

Thus ended our bear hunting operations for the winter, but we hope to get a few more next spring. If the farmers would go after the bears in earnest like Mr. Underwood and his neighbors on Beaver Creek did, and stay until the bears were dead, we would soon be rid of the bears which are such a pest to the sheep raisers.

L. A. Galford.

Durbin, W. Va.

BASKET BALL

Our Marlinton Independent Basket Ball team met defeat at the hands of the crack Greenbank team last Sat-

secured enrollment cards, do so at once and get the literature.

J. H. Miller, Co. Agent

Boyd Rexrode was carrying a gun loaded with number 5 bird shot on a road on Greenbrier River above Thornwood. He looked around and saw a three year old black bear within a few feet of him and thereupon he fired the load of bird shot at the bear, and shot it through the heart and killed it. It was a good big bear. He had the hide at the courthouse Monday to prove the bounty.

zenby, Mrs S. R. Neel, and Miss
Priscilla Collins.

Col. R. I. Walkup, of Renick, saw
a big bear on Cold Knob last week.
He was driving a flock of sheep along
a grassy road. The bear came with-
in sixty steps of him and was in
sight for a long distance. It appear-
ed to be coming from the chestnut
woods on the Williamsburg side and
headed towards the fastnesses of
Laurel creek. No gun. Sheep and
dog went to cover in woods on side of
road.

countries. In a generation. At Mill Gap and McDowell, in Highland county, bridges were washed away. At Hot Springs, in Bath county, great damage was done to bridges, sidewalks and roads.

A bear hunt is in progress on the Alleghenies today, Wednesday. Dick Smith, Reid Moore, the Gibsons are with their bear dogs. Monday afternoon the word came that a big bear had killed sheep Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights near the Ryder Gap.

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